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Sir:

This communication responds to an Office Action dated
July 29, 2003 in the above identified patent application. In the Office

Action the Examiner requires restriction to one of the following groups:

- Group I. Claims 1-4, drawn to a device, classified in
class 216, subclass 12+;
- Group II. Claim 5-11, drawn to a method, classified in
class 438, subclass 166

Applicants hereby elect to pursue the Group II claims, claims
5-11, drawn to a method.

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